



GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM BYLAWS

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ARTICLE 1. Mission Statement

1.1 World Taekwondo Global Membership System(hereinafter: “GMS”) shall strive to unify the global community of taekwondo practitioners and enthusiast by emphasizing the values of inclusion, excellence orientation, global citizenship and good will.

1.2 The GMS shall strive to use the latest technology to create a comprehensive database of all individuals involved in the art of taekwondo in each and all Member National Associations (“MNAs”) of World Taekwondo (“WT”).

ARTICLE 2. Overall Goals and Objectives

2.1 The GMS will continue to improve by providing tools to all MNAs and Organizing Committees for the management of memberships, events and tournaments in their respective countries. It will also aim to provide value-added services for all members of the GMS.

2.2 The main purpose of the GMS database is to reflect the demographics and diversity of the taekwondo community in order to attract large and small entities to support our beloved sport in the world.

ARTICLE 3. World Taekwondo Global Membership System (GMS)

3.1 The GMS is an online global membership database comprised of all taekwondo practitioners registered to the MNAs. Practitioners include, but are not limited to athletes, coaches, trainers, referees, officials, executives, medical staff, support staff, media, volunteers and fans.

3.2 Each individual in the GMS database is assigned a unique license number for identification (“WT Licence”). Each WT Licence can represent one of the membership categories listed in Article 6.

ARTICLE 4. Responsibilities of the Member National Associations (MNAs) and Continental Unions (CUs)

4.1 MNAs are required to implement these bylaws, as amended from time to time, in accordance to WT Statutes (see Article 16.1 of the WT Statutes). These bylaws govern the GMS which is part of the WT. The WT is a not-for-profit organization registered in the Republic of Korea and is the international governing body of taekwondo as an Olympic Sport.



4.2 Continental Unions (CU's) are required to implement these bylaws, as amended from time to time, in accordance with the WT Statutes (see Article 20.1 of the WT Statutes). Each CU can investigate any breach of these bylaws in accordance with the respective/applicable bylaws.

4.3 Data Privacy. Each MNA and CU is required to ensure and warrant compliance with any and all applicable laws, rules and regulations governing the protection of each member's personal and/or sensitive information handled under the terms of these Bylaws. The WT reserves the right to require that each MNA and CU sign data protection agreements that can be modified and/or supplemented from time to time.

ARTICLE 5. GMS Administrator

5.1 The official language of WT is English. Each MNA and CU shall appoint an English-speaking administrator, who will carry out the responsibilities of implementation of the GMS within their area. This administrator will be the contact person between the GMS Team as well as all registering/renewing MNA members; he/she will be responsible for understanding the system and disseminating important information from the GMS to the membership. If the case may be that the GMS Team member speaks the native language of the MNA then they can communicate in that language.

5.2 The GMS Administrator is appointed by the President/Secretary-General of the recognized MNA. As soon as the MNA informs the GMS team of a newly elected President/Secretary-General which is first confirmed by WT Member Relations and Development, the GMS Team shall contact the newly elected President/Secretary-General in order to confirm the details of the GMS Administrator.

5.3 An MNA must appoint one or more GMS Administrators. The National GMS Administrator is responsible to carry out the implementation of the GMS within the national territory of the MNA. This administrator will be the main contact person between the GMS Team. Each MNA needs to have at least one National GMS Administrator. In case of doubt with regard to the status of the (newly elected) President of the MNA a confirmation letter of the pertinent NOC is decisive. In case the position of the (newly elected) President is disputed, the claimant shall have the burden of proof to establish facts by a preponderance of the evidence. Until WT has decided on the status of the (newly elected) President, the status of the GMS Administrator remains the same. At the same time, the GMS Team may additionally act as a temporary GMS Administrator. WT remains to have the sole discretion to change the GMS Administrator during the period of determining the position of the (newly elected) President.



5.4 An MNA may request the GMS Team to act (temporarily) as a GMS Administrator for its territory. WT may in that case withhold a percentage of the revenues as compensation for operating as the MNA's Administrator.

5.5 If an MNA is suspended by WT, the MNA GMS Administrator remains authorized to administer within the GMS system, unless otherwise decided by WT. At the same time, the GMS Team may additionally act as a temporary GMS Administrator. WT remains to have the sole discretion to change the GMS Administrator during the suspension period.

5.6 The GMS Team is authorized to follow up or investigate any received complaints or suspicions of non-compliance and/or breaches of the GMS Bylaws. Pending the investigation, the WT Secretary-General may decide to revoke the administrative rights of the GMS Administrator. This decision may be appealed via the procedures as described in the WT Disciplinary Code.

5.7 The GMS Team is at all times and without prior approval of the MNA authorized to add and register, change or process data of new and existing WT Licence holders.

ARTICLE 6. Membership Categories

6.1 Individuals are allowed to register for a WT Licence in any single, combination or all of the following membership groups: a) Individual Members, b) Clubs registered by Club Administrators, and/or c) Regions registered by Regional Administrators or MNA Administrators.

6.2 All members of a MNA must have an active WT membership by no later than December 31, 2022. Any individual (athlete or official) attending any WT G ranked Events must hold an active WT Global Licence. Each MNA has the option, should they choose, to allow non-members of the MNA to receive a WT Licence.

6.3 Application Requirements. Each WT Licence will consist of a unique number. To obtain this number, each applicant must:

6.3.1 Submit required personal information such as: Full name, gender, date of birth, email address and the type of membership required.

6.3.2 Be approved by the MNA of the region for which the individual is applying.

6.4 MNA Approval. It is the responsibility of the MNA to set the requirements for obtaining the WT Licence in accordance with Article 6.4.2 (Nondiscrimination).

6.4.1 Verification of information. It is the responsibility of the MNA to verify that the information provided for each WT Licence is accurate and complete.

6.4.2 Non-discrimination. Each MNA must have a Policy of Nondiscrimination when issuing WT Licence. Requirements for issuing each WT Licence should be applied consistently



across all members in a particular license category with the goal of including as many members as possible. If an MNA denies an application for WT Licence, good cause must be presented to the GMS team in order to issue official responses to disputes from those applicants whose licenses have been denied. Good cause is presumed if an MNA has undertaken a formal sanctioning process in line with the [World Taekwondo Dispute Management Bylaws].

6.5 Non-Transferability of the membership. Memberships are non-transferable between MNAs; if an athlete/official holds a license issued by one country but would like to represent another country, a new license from that country is required.

6.6 Multiple memberships. An individual can have more than one membership category as long as only one unique WT Licence number has been issued in accordance with the above requirements. Athletes may only have one active WT Licence at a time.

6.7 Membership Categories. There are four (4) types of membership categories for which a WT Licence can be obtained:

6.7.1 WT Global Athlete Licence (GAL). The GAL is for any athlete/practitioner who registers for the GMS.

6.7.2 WT Global Official Licence (GOL). The GOL is for any officials such as coaches, trainers, referees, medical staff, or any other individual that plays an official role according to its MNA.

6.7.3 WT Global Executive Licence (GEL). The GEL is for high level executives or VIPs of the MNA and CUs, such as board members, council members and sponsors. This is a limited number of licenses as determined by the WT.

6.7.4 WT Global Licence (GL). The GL is a catch all category for all individuals who do not fall under any of the above categories, such as service providers, technical support, volunteers, fans, media and parents.

6.8 All athletes and officials (coaches, international referees, officials, medical doctors, physiotherapists and executives) participating at a WT recognized, sanctioned or promoted event are mandatory required to have a WT Global Licence.

ARTICLE 7. WT Licence

7.1 Active WT membership. Any individual (athlete or official) attending any WT G ranked Events must hold an active WT Global Licence. Each MNA has the option, should they choose, to allow non-members of the MNA to receive a WT Licence. The process of registering, processing or renewing the WT Licences of non-members shall be done through the MNA's GMS Administrator.



7.2 Each MNA must appoint or allow at least one of the following stakeholder groups GMS Administrator roles, in addition to the National GMS Administrator to be able to register/renew WT Licences:

7.2.1 Regional GMS Administrator(s): responsible to register or renew WT Licence holders in the GMS system within a specific region - as determined by the MNA - within the national territory of the MNA.

7.2.2 Club GMS Administrator(s): responsible to register or renew WT Licence holders in the GMS system within a specific club - as determined by the MNA - within the national territory of the MNA.

7.2.3 Individuals:

Individual persons responsible to register or renew his or her own WT Licence in the GMS system - as determined by the MNA - within the national territory of the MNA.

7.3 If an MNA does not appoint or allow at least one of the abovementioned stakeholder groups to be able to register/renew WT Licences in the GMS the GMS Team has the right to open up individual registration to allow any new or potential members to join the GMS through that MNA with prior notice to the MNA.

7.4 Application Requirements. Each WT Licence will consist of a unique number. To obtain this number, each applicant must:

7.4.1 Submit required personal information such as: Full name, gender, date of birth, email address and the type of membership required.

7.4.2 Be approved by the MNA of the region from which the individual is applying.

7.5 MNA Approval. It is the responsibility of the MNA to set the requirements for obtaining the WT Licence in accordance with Article 7.3.2 (Non-discrimination).

7.5.1 Verification of information. It is the responsibility of the MNA to verify that the information provided for each WT Licence is accurate and complete.

7.5.2 Non-discrimination. Each MNA must have a Policy of Non-discrimination when issuing WT Licences. Requirements for issuing each WT Licence should be applied consistently across all members in a particular licence category with the goal of including as many members as possible. If an MNA denies an application for WT Licence, good cause must be presented to the GMS team in order to issue official responses to disputes from those applicants whose licences have been denied. Good cause is presumed if an MNA has undertaken a formal sanctioning process in line with the [World Taekwondo Disciplinary Code].

7.6 Non-Transferability of the membership. Memberships are non-transferable between MNAs; if an athlete/official holds a licence issued by one country but would like to represent another country at WT promoted events, a new licence from that country is required.



7.7 Multiple memberships. An individual can have more than one membership role as long as only one unique WT Licence number has been issued in accordance with the above requirements. Athletes may only have one active WT Licence at a time.

7.8 An MNA shall not restrain any individual in the possession of a valid WT Licence from registration and/or participating at any events other than WT or CU promoted events. With regard to national, regional and local events within the territory of the MNA, the MNA has full discretion with regard to determining participation criteria.

7.9 Each MNA or CU may request WT to revoke or suspend the WT Licence of a Licence holder. In that case, the WT Disciplinary Code is applicable and its rules and regulations must be followed. In case WT (preliminary) suspends a WT Licence holder, all WT Licences shall be revoked.

ARTICLE 8. Pricing

8.1 WT Licence prices are calculated based on Gross Domestic Product (“GDP”) ranking for each country as defined by the United Nations. Pricing details will be available to all MNAs and CU and are subject, from time to time, to adjustments determined by the WT.

8.2 An MNA is allowed to charge an additional fee (“Markup”) to the fees charged by the WT, so long as the markup charged is a reasonable amount for the area’s median income and it is applied fairly to the MNA’s membership.

8.3 Onsite WT Licence Penalty Fee – Any individual that needs to register/renew their WT Licence onsite at any WT recognized event as listed on the WT events calendar may pay an onsite WT Licence registration fee on top of the applicable WT Licence fee. These fees are due to WT and shall be transferred to a designated bank account.

ARTICLE 9. Organizing Committees of WT Recognized Events.

9.1 Organizing Committees of WT Promoted, Sanctioned or Recognized events are required to do the following:

(A) Ensure that all participants hold a valid WT Licence by the start of any WT promoted, sanctioned or recognized event; and

(B) Provide official results and participation list to the event’s WT Technical Delegates within three (3) days of the completion of the event in an appropriate WT formatted document.



ARTICLE 10. National and Club Representation

10.1 Representation of MNA. To participate in a national team representing an MNA, the WT Licence number must be issued by the MNA of the national team that the athlete/official wishes to represent.

10.2 Citizenship requirement. Athletes participating as part of national teams must be citizens of the same nation. Citizenship should be demonstrated by valid passport; if an athlete has no valid passport then another valid proof of citizenship must be provided and approved by the WT on a case-by-case basis. For dual citizenships and/or changes of nationality of athletes, the requirements of the WT Competition Rules and Interpretations apply.

10.3 Athletes are allowed to represent the club of their own choice at all events other than WT and CU promoted events (i.e. national team events). If the aforementioned club is located in a country other than the issuing WT Licence MNA, the GMS Administrator of that club may register the athlete for the aforementioned events. If for any reason the MNA has objections or disputes the choice of the individual athlete representing a foreign club at events other than WT or CU promoted events, the MNA has the burden of proof to make its claim plausible. In that case, WT may appoint a WT Arbitrator to rule on the case.

ARTICLE 11. Miscellaneous

11.1 Interpretation / Implementation. MNAs that need assistance in understanding or implementing these bylaws should contact the GMS team.

11.2 Severability. Any determination that any provision of these Bylaws is for any reason inapplicable, illegal or ineffective shall not affect or invalidate any other provision of these Bylaws.

11.3 All MNAs shall implement the World Taekwondo Global Membership System in accordance with these Bylaws. MNAs that fail to actively expand the GMS within their territories or that are shown to be abusing the GMS system may have their GMS administration rights removed or may be sanctioned by WT.

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